

Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Fisheries Section



Application Process for Public Water Stocking



- 1) Pursuant to regulation 220.2-.129, any organization or individual wishing to stock any fishes, mussels, snails, or crayfishes into the public waters of Alabama, must have approval from the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.
- 2) It is the responsibility of the organization or individual to obtain a permit before the stocking event. An application should be completed and mailed at least 30 days prior to the event.
- 3) Organizations or individuals can obtain an Application for Public Water Stocking Permit (Attachment 1) by contacting their local district fisheries office or calling the Montgomery Fisheries Section Office at (334) 242-3471.
- 4) The application must be returned to the Fisheries Section office at the following address:
Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
Fisheries Section
64 N. Union Street, Suite 551
Montgomery, AL 36130 Fax (334)242-2061
- 5) Table 1 lists prohibited species in Alabama. These species will not be considered for public water stocking in Alabama.
- 6) Fisheries Section Staff will evaluate each application based on the following criteria, but not limited to:
 - 1) The stocked organisms potential to spread diseases and parasites to existing populations
 - 2) The stocked organisms potential to compete with existing populations for food and habitat.
 - 3) The stocked organisms compatibility with current aquatic resource management goals for the particular waterbody.
 - 4) The potential impacts if the stocked organisms origin is different from the stocked waterbody.
 - 5) The stocked organisms potential to impact the genetic integrity and diversity of the existing populations.
 - 6) The stocked organisms potential to replenish, support, or re-establish declining or extirpated populations.
- 7) Fisheries Section Staff will review the application within 10 business days of receipt.
- 8) After reviewing the application, a letter will be sent informing the applicant if the application is approved or denied. If approved, a Permit for Alabama Public Water Stocking will also be sent.
- 9) If the application is approved before the actual stocking date is known, the applicant is required to give the Fisheries Section 7 business days notice (334/242-3471) of the actual stocking date before stocking is to occur.
- 10) The permit holder or their representative must be present at the time of stocking and the approved permit or a copy of it must be in their possession. The stocking agent must also have a copy of the permit.
- 11) An Alabama Public Water Stocking Report (Attachment 2) must be sent to the Fisheries Section office in Montgomery within 7 days after the stocking event.

Table 1. List of prohibited fish species in Alabama.

Common Name	Species Name
walking catfish	<i>Clarias</i> spp.
piranha	<i>Serrasalmus</i> spp.
black carp	<i>Mylopharyngodon</i> spp.
Chinese perch	<i>Siniperca</i> spp.
snakeheads	<i>Chana</i> spp.
mud carp	<i>Cirrhinus</i> spp.
blueback herring	<i>Alosa aestivalis</i>
rudd	<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>
roach	<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>
non-native sturgeon species	

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PERMITTEE INFORMATION

Applicant's Name	Phone Number	Fax Number
Address	City, State, and Zip Code	
Organization		

SOURCE OF FISH

Hatchery Name	Phone Number	Fax Number
Address	City, State, and Zip Code	
Name of Hatchery Owner/Manager		

FISHES, MUSSELS, SNAILS OR CRAYFISHES TO BE STOCKED

Species	Stock/Strain	Size (inches)	Number
Origin of Parental Stock			

WATERBODY TO BE STOCKED

Name of Waterbody	Date of Stocking
Specific Stocking Site(s)	
County	GPS Coordinates (LAT) (LON)
Purpose of Stocking	
List precautions taken to insure no aquatic nuisance species will be introduced with this stocking	
Explain how you will evaluate the effectiveness of this public water stocking	

DO NOT WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

Application	APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/>	DENIED <input type="checkbox"/>	(see attached denial letter)
Permit Number	Issue Date	Expiration Date	

Attachment 1.